(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Old Age Homes for Senior Citizens

2756. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up old age homes for the senior citizens in the country, to provide necessary living facilities to the destitute and neglected senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such homes set up or likely to be set up in the near future in Maharashtra, with the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to encourage voluntary organisation to set up such homes in the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government is implementing a scheme namely "Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to the Aged" under which the voluntary organisations are provided grant-in-aid to set up Old Age Homes, Day care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units and Non-Institutional Services Units for the Welfare of the Aged: A Statement indicating the State-wise number of Old Age Homes being assisted under the scheme is attached *(see* below).

(c) Four Old Age Homes were assisted in Maharashtra during 1994-95.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The proposals received from the voluntary organisations in the country including Maharashtra for setting up of Old Age Homes will be considered subject to availability of funds under the Scheme.

Statement

Number of Old Age Homes assisted during 1994-95 under the Scheme for Assistance to voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged.

SI. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	No. of Old Age Homes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Gujarat	1
5.	Haryana	3
6.	Karnataka	10
7.	Kerala	3
8.	Madhya Pradesh	7
9.	Maharashtra	4
10.	Manipur	9
11.	Orissa	23
12.	Tamil Nadu	22
13.	Tripura	2
14.	Uttar Pradesh	30
15.	West Bengal	23
16.	Pondicherry	1
	Total	209

वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना

2757. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** :

श्री नागमणि :

क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या सरकार कृषि मजदूरों के लिए वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना के लागू करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित किए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या यह योजना पूर्णतया केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित की जायेगी; और

(ड) यदि नहीं, तो इस पर राज्य सरकारों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ड) विशेष रूप से कृषि मजदूरों के लिए वृद्धवस्था पेंशन योजना लागू करने का कोई

प्रस्ताव नहीं है । तथापि अनेक राज्य सरकारें भिन्न-भिन्न पात्रता मानदंडों और पेंशन दरों से वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना चला रही है । केन्द्र सरकार ने भी एक राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता योजना की घोषणा की है जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ 65 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र वाले निस्सहाय व्यक्तियों की प्रतिमाह 75 रुपये की दर से वृद्धावस्था पेंशन देने; परिवार के लिए रोज़ी कमाने वाले व्यक्ति (मुखिया) की प्राकृतिक रूप से दुर्घटना में हुई मृत्यु पर उनके परिवारों को क्रमशः 5000/- रुपये और 10,000 रु0 का एकमुश्त पारिवारिक लाभ देने की व्यवस्था है ।

Delicensing Petrochemical Sector

2758. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to delicense the petrochemical sector;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of units delicensed so far and the number of units/plants delicensed so far and the number of units likely to be delicensed in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Under the new Industrial Policy announced by Government in July, 1991, the Petrochemical Industry has been by and large delicensed, except items whose manufacture involves hazardous processes. In respect of new projects for manufacture of articles not covered by compulsory licensing or their substantial expansion, the industrial undertaking are required to file a memorandum in the prescribed form to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) in the Ministry of Industry.

There is no proposal under consideration to delicense any more petrochemical item, at this juncture.

Misuse of Amout Allocated to IDPL

2759. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated to IDPL under National Renewal Fund has been misused and the said amount was not meant for Muzaffarpur unit of IDPL as there was not surplus workforce there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unwarranted VRS and undue transfer of workmen with malafide intention resulted in closure of production block No. II and III and they cannot be revived unless fresh recruitment is made; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to check these irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In terms of the revival package approved by the Government and the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), IDPL was provided with Grant-in-Aid on account of expenditure on Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). The VRS was for entire IDPL and for all employees irrespective of the unit where such employee was working.

(b) No, Sir.,

(c) Does not arise.

Financial Grants for Secondary Education

2760. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the different programmes of the Government to provide financial grants for Secondary Education in the country;

(b) the Institutions entitled for the grants and the conditions for getting the grants; and

(c) how many Institutions are getting this type of grant in Karnataka and the